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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) San Diego – US CBP Arrests 13 Suspected of Crossing Illegally into US on Boats**

(U) More than a dozen men suspected of entering the US illegally on two separate boats from Mexico have been taken into custody. A 23-foot boat with four people on board was spotted by the US Coast Guard (USCG) near Mission Bay. Officers took the four people into custody and seized the boat. The four people, Mexican citizens ranging from 23 to 57 years old, were transferred into US Border Patrol custody for processing and the boat was seized. Three hours later, a panga boat with nine people aboard crossed into US waters from Mexico. One of the men was charged with human smuggling.

SOURCE: 29 May 2019, [NBC 7](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – US CBP Officers Seize \$334K of Meth at Port of San Luis**

(U) Tucson – US Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, officers arrested a woman connected to an alleged attempt to smuggle more than 110-pounds of methamphetamine through the Port of San Luis over the weekend. Officers referred a 24-year-old woman for additional inspection of her Ford SUV as she attempted to enter the US Saturday evening. After a CBP narcotics detection canine alerted to a scent it was trained to detect coming from the vehicle's doors and rocker panels, a search led to the discovery of more than 100 packages that weighed more than 111-pounds and have an estimated value of more than \$334,000. Officers seized the drugs and the vehicle, while the subject was arrested and then turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

SOURCE: 29 May 2019, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Florida – OMG Member Latest to be Sentenced in Federal Drug Trafficking Investigation**

(U) Daytona Beach – A member of the Thunderguards Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) is the latest to be sentenced to a lengthy prison term as part of a federal investigation into drug trafficking groups in Central Florida. Andrew Shettler, 36, was sentenced to 10-years in federal prison. Shettler pleaded guilty on 10 January to conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. Shettler conspired with several members of the Pagan's OMG to distribute methamphetamine the Daytona Beach area.

SOURCE: 29 May 2019, [Daytona Beach Journal](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Guatemala – \$10 Million Human-Smuggling Ring Busted**

(U) Guatemala City – Authorities said they have broken up a human-smuggling ring that purportedly moved 800 migrants a year through the country and took in some \$10 million doing so. Guatemalan prosecutors and National Civil Police arrested nine people in the case, including the alleged ringleader.

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The suspects were said to have housed migrants from Central and South America in Guatemala and moved them across the border from the town of Gracias a Dios, Huehuetenango department, into Mexico, bound for the United States. The smugglers allegedly charged \$11,000 to \$12,000 per adult and \$3,500 for minors.

SOURCE: 29 May 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Turkey – Smuggling Ring Broken up

(U) Istanbul – Turkish police detained the leaders of what they called Europe's biggest human-smuggling ring, which helped thousands of irregular immigrants reach Europe from the Middle East. Twenty people, including ringleader Akbar Omar Tawfeeq, were detained in operations in four Turkish provinces after a year-long investigation into the organization. The network mainly helped Afghan, Iraqi and Syrian nationals cross into European countries from Turkey by land and sea, police said, adding that the group had also worked with other smuggling groups in Ukraine, Italy and Greece. More than a million migrants and refugees, many fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East and Africa, arrived in the European Union in 2015. Turkey was one of the main launch points for the dangerous sea leg of their journey, on which thousands died.

SOURCE: 29 May 2019, [Reuters](#)

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